#### **CLAIMS**

- 1. A prepreg obtained by impregnating a resin composition comprising a resin with an imide structure and a thermosetting resin into a fiber base material with a thickness of 5-50  $\mu m$ .
- 2. A prepreg according to claim 1, wherein said resin with an imide structure has a siloxane structure.
  - 3. A prepreg according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said resin with an imide structure has a structure represented by the following general formula (1).
- [Chemical Formula 1]

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- 4. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said resin with an imide structure is a polyamideimide resin.
- 5. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said resin with an imide structure is a polyamideimide resin obtained by reacting a diisocyanate compound with a mixture containing a diimidedicarboxylic acid obtained by reacting a mixture containing a siloxanediamine and a diamine represented by the following general formula (2a) or (2b) with trimellitic anhydride.
- 20 [Chemical Formula 2]

$$R^{23}$$
  $R^{21}$   $R^{21}$   $R^{23}$   $R^{23}$   $R^{21}$   $R^{23}$   $R^{23}$   $R^{23}$   $R^{24}$   $R^{25}$   $R^{25}$ 

[wherein X<sup>21</sup> represents a C1-3 aliphatic hydrocarbon group, C1-3 halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbon group, sulfonyl group, ether group or carbonyl group, a single bond, a divalent group represented by the following general formula (3a) or a divalent group represented by the following general formula (3b), X<sup>22</sup> represents a C1-3 aliphatic hydrocarbon group, C1-3 halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbon group, sulfonyl group, ether group or carbonyl group, and R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup> and R<sup>23</sup> each independently or identically represent hydrogen, hydroxyl, methoxy, methyl or halogenated methyl.

[Chemical Formula 3]

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(wherein X<sup>31</sup> represents a C1-3 aliphatic hydrocarbon group, C1-3 halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbon group, sulfonyl group, ether group or carbonyl group, or a single bond.)]

6. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said resin with an imide structure is a polyamideimide resin obtained by reacting

a diisocyanate compound with a mixture containing a diimidedicarboxylic acid obtained by reacting a mixture containing a diamine represented by the following general formula (4), a siloxanediamine and a diamine represented by the following general formula (5a) or (5b), with trimellitic anhydride.

# [Chemical Formula 4]

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$$H_2N$$
  $CH_2$   $NH_2$   $\cdots$   $(4)$ 

## [Chemical Formula 5]

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[wherein X<sup>51</sup> represents a C1-3 aliphatic hydrocarbon group, C1-3 halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbon group, sulfonyl group, ether group or carbonyl group, a single bond, a divalent group represented by the following general formula (6a) or a divalent group represented by the following general formula (6b), X<sup>52</sup> represents a C1-3 aliphatic hydrocarbon group, C1-3 halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbon group, sulfonyl group, ether group or carbonyl group, and R<sup>51</sup>, R<sup>52</sup> and R<sup>53</sup> each independently or identically represent hydrogen, hydroxyl, methoxy, methyl or halogenated methyl.

## [Chemical Formula 6]

(wherein  $X^{61}$  represents a C1-3 aliphatic hydrocarbon group, C1-3 halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbon group, sulfonyl group, ether group or carbonyl group, or a single bond.)]

7. A prepreg according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said resin with an imide structure is a polyimide resin having the structure represented by the following general formula (7) or a polyimide resin having the structure represented by the following general formula (7) and the structure represented by the following general formula (8).

## [Chemical Formula 7]

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#### [Chemical Formula 8]

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[wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> represents a tetravalent aromatic group, Ar<sup>2</sup> represents a divalent aromatic group, R<sup>71</sup> and R<sup>72</sup> each independently or identically represent a divalent hydrocarbon group, R<sup>73</sup>, R<sup>74</sup>, R<sup>75</sup> and R<sup>76</sup> each independently or identically represent a C1-6 hydrocarbon group, and n

represents an integer of 1-50.]

8. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said resin with an imide structure is a polyamideimide resin having the structure represented by the following general formula (9).

#### [Chemical Formula 9]

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[wherein R<sup>91</sup>, R<sup>92</sup>, R<sup>93</sup> and R<sup>94</sup> each represent a carbon atom from a portion of the cyclic or linear structure composing the polyamideimide resin.]

- 9. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said thermosetting resin is an epoxy resin.
  - 10. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein said thermosetting resin is an epoxy resin with two or more glycidyl groups.
  - 11. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein said resin composition further contains a phosphorus-containing compound, and said resin composition contains said thermosetting resin at 1-140 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of said resin with an imide structure, and phosphorus at 0.1-5 wt% of the total weight of the resin solid portion.
- 12. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein said resin composition further contains a hindered phenol-based or organic sulfur compound-based antioxidant.
  - 13. A prepreg according to claim 12, wherein said antioxidant is one or more types of antioxidant selected from the group consisting of

butylated hydroxyanisole, 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-ethylphenol, 2,2'-methylene-bis(4-methyl-6-t-butylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis-(3-methyl-6-t-butylphenol), 4,4'-butylidenebis(3-methyl-6-t-butylphenol), 1,1,3-tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-t-butylphenyl)butane, 1,3,5-trimethyl-2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)benzene, tetrakis-[methylene-3-(3',5'-di-t-butyl-4'-hydroxyphenylpropionate)methane, dilauryl thiodipropionate and distearyl thiodipropionate.

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- 14. A prepreg according to any one of claims 1 to 13, which has a combustion distance of no greater than 100 mm in a UL-94 VTM test, when cured to form a base material.
- 15. A metal foil-clad laminate obtained by stacking a prescribed number of prepregs according to any one of claims 1 to 14, situating a metal foil on either or both sides thereof and subjecting the stack to heat and pressure.
- 16. A printed circuit board obtained by forming a circuit on the metal foil of a metal foil-clad laminate according to claim 15.